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Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted" Arrest

Detectives from the WSP Criminal Investigation Units in Tacoma and Marysville announced the arrest today of two WSP Most Wanted suspects.

Rene Anthony Peralez was wanted for Felony (injury) Hit and Run after he struck a pedestrian on Lummi Shore Drive on August 18, 2004. WSP Detectives determined that Peralez was the driver and a warrant was issued for his arrest. On October 14, 2004 Peralez was arrested by Bellingham PD Officer Chip Ethier for Auto Theft charges. Peralez subsequently pled guilty to the Hit and Run Charges and is currently in the State Department of Corrections Center at Shelton.

Patrick James Murray Junior was also wanted for Felony (Injury) Hit and Run after he fled the scene of a 5 car injury collision that he caused on the I-5 southbound exit ramp to State Route 512 on January 17, 2002. Murray was later arrested when he showed up at a hospital seeking treatment. He subsequently failed to appear in court and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Deputies with the Pierce County Sheriffs Office arrested Murray on October 17, 2004. He pled guilty to 3rd Degree Assault and is currently also in the State Department of Corrections Center at Shelton.

Perelez is the 28th and Murray is the 29th WSP Most Wanted Suspect arrested or located and brought to justice since the Web site was established in September of 2003.

For more information on the Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted", go to the WSP Web site at www.wsp.wa.gov.

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